

## APPROVE CAPT. COOPE

Selection by Major Ourand Accepted by Militia Men.

## IS WITHIN OFFICER'S RIGHT

Nomination at First Aroused Some Feeling, but This Has Abated to a Great Extent—Riflemen Will Continue Their Tournament Qualifying Matches—How They Stand.

The doubt caused among the members of the local National Guard officers, relative to the appointment of Capt. Harry Coope as adjutant of the First Regiment, has about abated. These officers who protested seem to have placed themselves in an embarrassing position, for it appears at the present time that Col. Ourand's action has been upheld by his superiors.

It is said upon good authority, that Capt. Coope's appointment, with the recommendation only allows the ratification of President Roosevelt.

When Col. Brett, adjutant general, was seen relative to this matter, he called attention to the "Act providing for the organization of the militia of the District of Columbia." The sections referred to read as follows:

"Section 13. The officers shall be commissioned by the President of the United States.

"Section 20. The officers of a regiment or battalion shall be nominated by the permanent officer thereof."

"That would seem to dispose of the matter," said Col. Brett. "The first duty of a soldier is to obey the orders of his superior. I can say for Col. Ourand that the appointment of his adjutant is a personal affair which concerns himself. Capt. Coope is an excellent officer, and is specially qualified to fill the duties of regimental adjutant."

Capt. Coope is not an outsider, as alleged by those who opposed his appointment. One of his most previous belongings is his nine-year service medal. He has served over ten years' actual service in the militia, and only severed his connections with that body last May.

Maj. Bell called attention to the fact that there are only a few days left for those who have the interest of their organization at heart and desire to help it by firing off their required scores. The range will be open from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, which will be the last days open for qualification during the present season.

The work on the rifle range this year has been very gratifying to those concerned. More than double the number of persons have qualified this year than for the season of 1905. Last year there were over twelve hundred men who had not performed this soldierly part of their duty, while this year there are over the same number of qualifications.

## How They Stand.

Maj. Bell announced the standings of the several organizations up to date to be as follows:

Expert Sharpshooters.

General Staff.

Staff, First Regiment.

Staff, First Battalion.

Company A.

Company B.

Company C.

Staff, Second Battalion.

Company D.

Company E.

Company F.

Company G.

Company H.

Company I.

Company J.

Company K.

Company L.

Company M.

Company N.

Company O.

Company P.

Company Q.

Company R.

Company S.

Company T.

Company U.

Company V.

Company W.

Company X.

Company Y.

Company Z.

Company AA.

Company AB.

Company AC.

Company AD.

Company AE.

Company AF.

Company AG.

Company AH.

Company AI.

Company AJ.

Company AK.

Company AL.

Company AM.

Company AN.

Company AO.

Company AP.

Company AQ.

Company AR.

Company AS.

Company AT.

Company AU.

Company AV.

Company AW.

Company AX.

Company AY.

Company AZ.

Company BA.

Company BB.

Company BC.

Company BD.

Company BE.

Company BF.

Company BG.

Company BH.

Company BI.

Company BJ.

Company BK.

Company BL.

Company BM.

Company BN.

Company BO.

Company BP.

Company BQ.

Company BR.

Company BS.

Company BT.

Company BU.

Company BV.

Company BW.

Company BX.

Company BY.

Company BZ.

Company CA.

Company CB.

Company CC.

Company CD.

Company CE.

Company CF.

Company CG.

Company CH.

Company CI.

Company CJ.

Company CK.

Company CL.

Company CM.

Company CN.

Company CO.

Company CP.

Company CQ.

Company CR.

Company CS.

Company CT.

Company CU.

Company CV.

Company CW.

Company CX.

Company CY.

Company CZ.

Company DA.

Company DB.

Company DC.

Company DD.

Company DE.

Company DF.

Company DG.

Company DH.

Company DI.

Company DJ.

Company DK.

Company DL.

Company DM.

Company DN.

Company DO.

Company DP.

Company DQ.

Company DR.

Company DS.

Company DT.

Company DU.

Company DV.

Company DW.

Company DX.

Company DY.

Company DZ.

Company EA.

Company EB.

Company EC.

Company ED.

Company EE.

Company EF.

Company EG.

Company EH.

Company EI.

Company EJ.

Company EK.

Company EL.

Company EM.

Company EN.

Company EO.

Company EP.

Company EQ.

Company ER.

Company ES.

Company ET.

Company EU.

Company EV.

Company EW.

Company EX.

Company EY.

Company EZ.

Company FA.

Company FB.

Company FC.

Company FD.

Company FE.

Company FF.

Company FG.

Company FH.

Company FI.

Company FJ.

Company FK.

Company FL.

Company FM.

Company FN.

Company FO.

Company FP.

Company FQ.

Company FR.

Company FS.

Company FT.

Company FU.

Company FV.

Company FW.

Company FX.

Company FY.

Company FZ.

Company GA.

Company GB.

Company GC.

Company GD.

Company GE.

Company GF.

Company GG.

Company GH.

Company GI.

Company GJ.

Company GK.

Company GL.

Company GM.

Company GN.

Company GO.

Company GP.

Company GQ.

Company GR.

Company GS.

Company GT.

Company GU.

Company GV.

Company GW.

Company GX.

Company GY.

Company GZ.

Company HA.

Company HB.

Company HC.

Company HD.

Company HE.

Company HF.

Company HG.

Company HH.

Company HI.

Company HJ.

Company HK.

Company HL.

Company HM.

Company HN.

Company HO.

Company HP.

Company HQ.

Company HR.

Company HS.

Company HT.

Company HU.

Company HV.

Company HW.

Company HX.

Company HY.

Company HZ.

Company IA.

Company IB.

Company IC.

Company ID.

Company IE.

Company IF.

Company IG.

Company IH.

Company II.

Company IJ.

Company IK.

Company IL.

Company IM.

Company IN.

Company IO.

Company IP.

Company IQ.

Company IR.

Company IS.

Company IT.

Company IU.

Company IV.

Company IW.

Company IX.

Company IY.

Company IZ.

Company JA.

Company JB.

Company JC.

Company JD.

Company JE.

Company JF.

Company JG.

Company JH.

Company JI.

Company JJ.

Company JK.

Company JL.

Company JM.

Company JN.

Company JO.

Company JP.

Company JQ.

Company JR.

Company JS.

Company JT.

Company JU.

Company JV.

Company JW.

Company JX.

Company JY.

Company JZ.

Company KA.

Company KB.

Company KC.

Company KD.

Company KE.

Company KF.

Company KG.

Company KH.

Company KI.

Company KJ.

Company KK.

Company KL.

Company KM.

Company KN.

Company KO.

Company KP.

Company KQ.

Company KR.

Company KS.

Company KT.

Company KU.

Company KV.

Company KW.

Company KX.

Company KY.

Company KZ.